

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

### **BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL**

**March 14, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Kevin Tanski  
Barb Paulitzky  
Ron Van Kirk  
Tony DeMarco  
Kathy Pucci  
Mary Albier

Absent: Debbie Tomusko

Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Tanski, second by Van Kirk to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2016.  
**VOTE RESULTED:** *Approve:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Albier. No: None.  
**(APPROVED)**

Interim President Van Kirk said we will take something out of order as there are guests here relating to: ORDINANCE 2016-24, An Emergency Ordinance approving an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the ownership and maintenance of a portion of the inter-community sanitary sewer under Ridge Rd. The Mayor will explain it, it will be voted on, then the Law Dir. will speak about it. -Mayor Gallagher gave the basics that a part Ridge (no. of Memphis) is closed, on its second sewer collapse in the last six months. There is a utility agreement with the county, and about 40% of the flow of that sanitary line is City of Brooklyn's, and 60% is City of Cleveland's. It's been argued for years that it should be an inter-community system, and NEORSRD now agrees with us; so the assessments being paid on real estate taxes can be diverted for this current collapse, if we go forward with this agreement. Then they will pick it up as an asset. Dir. Butler will cover anything she missed, and then Council can ask the NEORSRD reps any questions. Dir. Butler said it was discussed in the Finance mtg. earlier. It's good news for the city and citizens who have been funding repairs to this problem stretch of sanitary sewer line under Ridge Rd. Residents have been paying from an assessment fund that's on their tax duplicate, which has been depleted mostly because of this line. Because it is an inter-city sewer (serves multiple communities), after speaking with our Administration, the NEORSRD graciously agreed to accept ownership of and responsibility for this line going forward. At the District's upcoming board mtg. this Thursday, they will put the agreement they put together for us and the board and transfer ownership to them. It's a rare two and half page agreement, but of a great magnitude for the residents of Brooklyn, and it's largely a gift to the city for the District to take this over, for no consideration or expectations of residents paying for repairs going forward, other than through usual contributions to the sewer district. Representatives present are: Darnella Robinson (in-house counsel), Katie Waag (interim Chief Legal Counsel for the District), and Jim Muncie (engineer for the District); they can answer any questions. The Mayor asked to hold public session first to allow anyone to address anything, especially relating to the sewer.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Don Stopa* of 4190 Ivywood Dr. asked if someone in the city wishes to build a house or building would the city allow occupancy or use if it was not finished. Why is the city allowing the building for Up to Bat to continue? When the building was sold the new owner knew and agreed the bldg. would be completed on the outside as planned. Years later and the bldg. is no nearer completed. Wonders if the owner is paying his fair share of property taxes, and if not both the city and schools are somewhat subsidizing this business. How long will this be allowed to continue? Mayor Albier had said the owner was given more time to complete it due to a cash flow problem. How much time? This location could be used later for a new police station. (Int. Pres. Van Kirk will have Dir. Kulcsar address during this report)

**ORDINANCE #2016-24**, An Emergency Ordinance approving an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the ownership and maintenance of a portion of the inter-community sanitary sewer under Ridge Rd. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Int. Pres. Van Kirk thanked the NEORSD group for coming and that it was gracious of them to do this for the city. -Updated that on March 7<sup>th</sup> Council met with the Mayor and directors for another budget mtg. Council could ask questions and offer suggestions and opinions. These mtgs. are all open to the public. The proposed budget will be voted on tonight; it cuts nearly half a million dollars from last year's proposed budget, and over \$600,000 from September's amended appropriation. He anticipates Council passing. Thanked the Mayor and directors (especially Dir. Enovitch). Per the Ohio Revised Code, a budget must be passed by March 30<sup>th</sup>. -Tomorrow is Election Day, polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. -Tonight's Agenda: (first two items being held for future mtgs. for more information) confirmation of appt. to Econ. Dev. Comm. and request for approval of grant applications for baseball field renovations; bid approval for 2016 streets program; Ord. #2015-77 (still in abeyance) for full-time Econ. Dev. Dir.; 2016-5 (3<sup>rd</sup> Read/Adoption), Annual Appropriations Ord. (budget); 2016-6, amending the fees for sports sponsorship program at Rec Center; 2016-9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Read), authorizes a service agree. renewal with Bailey Comm. for network/software support for the city; 2016-10, 11, 12 and 13 all relating to Magistrate (will be explained later, hope to pass by emergency); 2016-15 (2<sup>nd</sup> Read), amending the fees for evening basketball program; 2016-16, 17, 18 and 19 are all 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings for different programs, as presented last meeting; 2016-20, amending fees for learn to swim program; 2016-22 (1<sup>st</sup> Read), authorizing sale of certain vehicles through public internet auction (GovDeals); 2016-23 (1<sup>st</sup> Read), fees for advertising at the Rec Center; 2016-24 was adopted already. There is a possible executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss matters of personnel. Public Session was held, so to reports.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:**

Finance Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): The Comm. met at 6:15 and discussed: request for grant app. for baseball field, will hold off for more information on possible school partnering for a softball field (costs, dependent on project are between \$64,000 and \$116,450); bid approval for 2016 streets program and recommended approval (total of nine bids submitted, an engineer's estimate of \$914,620), low bids for Sect. 1 and 1A from Cat's Construction for \$334,612; and for Sect. 2 and 2A from Ronyak Paving for \$517,133.75. Work must be completed by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>; passage by emergency for the Magistrate related Ords. 2016-10, (splitting the one person position into two) pay for each between \$12,000-\$15,000/year; 2016-11, that the positions are not eligible for healthcare; 2016-12, removing the position from minimum hours worked relating to Affordable Healthcare Act; 2016-13, Amending the pay exhibit for non-union employees (adding the two positions and pay range); 2016-20 (for adoption), learn to swim program fees (relating to lifeguarding classes); 2016-22, for sale of vehicles through internet auction (two vehicles at this time); 2016-23 (1<sup>st</sup> reading), fees for advertising (the Law Dir. will establish an advertising policy). A current cash balance report was received from the Finance Dir.

Economic Dev. Comm. (Councilwoman Pucci): Looking to schedule a mtg. in the next few weeks, with anticipation of an application from a current Brooklyn business looking to expand.

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): Youth soccer registration is going on. Youth baseball registration is going on through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Costs and all other information and requirements available at the Rec Center at 216-351-5334. The Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center, with registration at 10:30 a.m. This is for resident children ages six and under. The next Board meeting is Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center meeting room.

Zoning Bd. of Appeals: (Comm. Kulcsar): The Bd. of Zoning Appeals for March 17<sup>th</sup> is cancelled as there are no applications.

Planning Commission (Councilwoman Pucci): The Comm. met March 3<sup>rd</sup> with two requests relating to Menards, both approved: for site plan approval for a 172,740 sq. ft. Menard's store at 7700 Brookpark Rd. (they had previous approval, then a change of plans, then went and kept their original design); a request for

illuminated wall-mounted and free-standing business identification signs at same location; old business from S. Clifford for TDA Architects for site plan approval at 4500 Ridge Rd. (former Brookridge Elementary) and 4525 Rodoan Rd. (former Rodoan School), previously presented on July 9, 2015, but there was not a quorum of eligible members to vote (a member absent and a member on School Bd.). Residents had questions and concerns about future plans, and will address at a future meeting. In regard to the resident's question from public session, she asked the Commission to look at it last summer, due to continued complaints. She gave a history of the site and planned condition of the building, which eventually ended up in foreclosure and then purchased, which the purchaser was required to adhere to the conditions for the building – which he has not been in compliance of, or if he even ever will be. Without going further she said there are concerns and the Commission is on top of it and watching it. She suggested if a new entity goes in there in the future we need stronger language or a deadline to get the building into compliance.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Kevin Tanski:** Reminded that Youth Opportunities is still accepting applications, questions and registration at [www.youthopportunities.org](http://www.youthopportunities.org). Information available at City Hall, Rec Center, the High School, and Library. Registration ends May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Barb Paulitzky:** Has an environmental report. She attended on March 10<sup>th</sup> a Big Creeks Connects mtg., and learned many things, most interesting that the tree cover in Brooklyn (the canopy) is below Cleveland's, possibly because of the Emerald Ash Borer trees being destroyed and cut down. Asks residents to plant a tree or two in their yard. In April she's attending a tree seminar, to learn more, and will share in the future.

**Tony DeMarco:** No report. But to the comments about Up To Bat, we will be on top of this, and wondered to Dir. Kulsar if the property ever transfers can it be held up until improvements are done.

**Kathy Pucci:** Congratulated the School community on the Oliver production the past weekend, it was fabulous. Thanked all involved, it was a large group effort. Encouraged everyone to attend each year's musical production. -The budget is on third reading; with American Greetings leaving, we need a hard look at how to manage the loss of revenue. Once the needs assessment is complete on facilities we will start having budget/strategy sessions. -She also attended the annual Balanced Growth Plan Partnership mtg. Thursday; thanked Big Creek Connects for what they do for the mtg. and dinner. They look at balancing economic development and environmental issues. -Reminded people if they haven't already voted to vote tomorrow in the Primary – polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Mary Balbier:** Tomorrow is Primary Election Day, with a number of contested races, Republican and Democratic ballots. In this county the most elective positions are for judgeships. Most vote for popular last names, but it doesn't necessarily mean quality. Judge For Yourself (made up of various Bar associations) is a venue that reviews resumes, meet, and interview candidates, then evaluates and rates them. Results were in newspapers, and also to [judgeforyourself.com](http://judgeforyourself.com). -Wished everyone a happy Easter, St. Paddy's day, and spring. If looking for something to do after, she invites to Tremont or Gordon Square areas to celebrate Dyngus Day.

**Ron Van Kirk:** At the last mtg. Council voted down the appointment of Mr. Celcherts to Econ. Dev. Comm. He goes on record that Mr. Celcherts is more than qualified for the position, with 30 years experience with Dept. of Taxation, 30 years on Exec. Bd. with credit union, a Brooklyn High School graduate, lifetime resident; was an excellent Councilman, paving the way for an improved street repair program (including what will be approved tonight, due to his work last year with our Engineer), and with his hard work made huge strides in Service Garage. It's unfortunate for Brooklyn's residents he was not confirmed, and also confusing. Those that voted against him may address it if they wish. -Voting is tomorrow, and there is Issue 23, to do with a 4.8 mill renewal (not increase) tax for Health and Human Services, costing \$147/year for a \$100,000 home. -Echoed wishes for happy Easter and enjoy the time celebrating.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Gallagher:** Went over minor things and decisions made at City Hall recently. The hanging flower baskets that have gone all over to beautify the city, but with Memphis construction this year, we won't do it along Memphis because they will die with all that going on. -As she's brought up before, all city buildings have analog phone systems, and we need to upgrade them. She'll be presenting a few options – digital or voice over; either which will save the city a few thousand dollars per month going forward, at least \$3-5,000 initially. -Dir. Butler and Barb Stanton met with Care Works to go over tips with Bureau of Workers Compensation on minimizing some costs in the area, and suggestions for minimizing legal costs going forward, and outsourcing. -Karen Fratto, interim Senior Coordinator, had her in a meeting with LPI, a service that will do the Chit-Chat going forward after contracted. This service is used by STM and several school districts and cities. It pays for the cost of printing through advertising, and saving money for the city as well. -Thanked Police Officers for being involved with the school for Right to Read Week: Fire Chief Zemek, Police Chief Mielke, Officers Dalton, Eschweiler, Psota, Bungo, Murphey, Pitts, Schill, Phillips, Macovjak and Gasior – they all donated time to read to the students. It's great to put our officers and Chief with students, it builds a good relationship, with trust, and a great aspect of community policing she keeps trying to promote in the department. -With the good news from NEORSD about picking up the sewer collapse, there are rate increases that all county residents will see going forward; an expectance of 9% increase over next several years. There is an information mtg. on April 27<sup>th</sup> for 5-7 p.m. (Tri-C West), April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 (Tri-C Metro), and April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9a-12 noon (Tri-C East). She also asked for them to come to the Senior Center for a presentation for residents' questions. There will also be storm water fee changes this year, with about a \$60 increase per year, due to a Supreme Court ruling (dependent on surface area). There are several cost savings programs, and flyers are at the reception desk, will be on the city website and newsletters – check for eligibility. She's asking Council to pass the dual Magistrate and related healthcare legislation, they will save the city about \$18,000 going forward. She did an assessment looking at several cities, and they are no longer offering healthcare, we were one of the few cities. This two Magistrate system will allow more coverage, alternate days, and move people out of the jails, which costs us. It will be a more cohesive team for the Mayor's Court. -Thanked Fire Chief Zemek for inviting CSX railroad to the city; multiple Fire and Police Departments in the county came to a CSX presentation, showing how to respond to emergency response situations. -She met with the Senior Advisory Comm. last week, looking at different ways to bring up the number of seniors coming to the Center; and they are also looking for volunteers, for the Advisory group and also at the Senior Center. If interested, please check them out. She received a notice from RTA that they're looking at cutting particular lines, one affecting Brooklyn, line 79A&B (running north up Tiedeman and east on Memphis to downtown). There will be informational meetings to discuss it. Information will be on the city's website and newsletter. -Thanked Maria McGinty and Rec Center and maintenance staff; she received a letter from the Sectional and District Hockey tournament, complimenting them on the exceptional job by the staff, even in handling an ammonia leak and broken glass in a game. They further said they look forward to hosting the tournament there in upcoming years. -Brooklyn was awarded Tree City USA again for 2015, but Councilwoman Paulitzky is right that the tree canopy is dwindling and we need to continue to work on it. -Received good news about the Animal Control Officer. Someone reported a dog running loose on the highway, Animal Control placed a cage and picked the animal up. -The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday at 11 a.m., registration at 10:30. -The Home Heritage Program that the city's sponsored for a few years will have information sessions. Homes 50 years and older qualify with the Cleveland Restoration Society, with technical assistance, planning, choosing contractors, renovations of rooms, etc. There are low interest loans through Key Bank. If residents don't utilize it this year, we won't pay for this service going forward. Meetings: Wed., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-7:30 in Senior Center; Thurs., March 24<sup>th</sup>, noon-1. Letters should have been received in the mail. March 25<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, city buildings will be closed. -If you haven't signed up for ReadyNotify emergency alert program, call 216-635-4222 and someone will help; or go to city's website and click on the program.

#### **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Bldg. Comm. Kulcsar responded regarding the Up To Bat facility. He's had many conversations with the owners about it, and they want to do more with the building, but say they are financially unable, even barely to keep the doors open. He's had them back a few times to Planning Comm., to try to get a scaled down version of what they want the exterior to look like (not the original plans). It's not working. By State law we aren't permitted to keep them from using the building. Exterior is regulated under our Zoning Code. But the safe occupancy use of the building is regulated by the State Building Code. He will continue to try working with him, to get something done. It's the best that can be done at this time. -Councilwoman Pucci said realistically nothing will happen with the current owner; but does caution before the Bldg. Dept. agrees to

modifications that it being in the center of our community it is a sore spot, to not agree to anything lesser than what was originally agreed to, until everyone has a conversation. Comm. Kulcsar said anything they do from here on forward to the exterior will have to go to Planning Comm. for site approval. Their approval expires in one year, so the original plan at the time they went in, since it was not executed, has been expired; so they can't do anything until they get new approval. -Councilman DeMarco asked when the property transferred to the new owner, was there any written commitment from them. Comm. Kulcsar said he did not know, but has not come across anything. Councilwoman Pucci said at Planning they were told they'd have to adhere to original stipulations for the building, so it should be in writing. There was no contract, but they were fully aware they would have to comply. Councilman DeMarco asked if it was approved at that mtg. Comm. Kulcsar said for now, they were cited to enclose their dumpster again, seeing what other zoning regulations or property maintenance codes we can issue violations on and go from there, putting a little more pressure. There won't be full resolution, or stone on the building front, they won't complete the work. But they will do what they can in the future. Right now he's working on the legislation to come to Council for Point of Sale inspection, good for all properties (single family, two-, and commercial), so in the future have a violation letter done prior to property changing hands, and avoiding this in the future.

**REQUESTS:**

Request for approval of 2016 Streets Program. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve lowest and best bid for Sections 1 and 1A to Catts Const. for \$334,612. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Approve:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(APPROVED 1 and 1A)** **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve lowest and best bid for Sections 2 and 2A to Ronyak Paving for \$517,133.75. *To Approve:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(APPROVED 2 and 2A)**

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 2015-77,** Establishing the full-time position of Economic Development Director of the City of Brooklyn. **(IN ABEYANCE)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-5:** Annual Appropriations Ordinance. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Pucci. No: DeMarco, Balbier. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-6:** Amending Section 1 of Ord. 2009-66, Establishing fees for the Sports Sponsorship at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-9:** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a service agreement renewal with Bailey Communications to provide maintenance of network, software support, and other related services for the City of Brooklyn in the amount of \$51,641.10. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-10:** Providing for the positions of two Magistrates with the City of Brooklyn, Ohio. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to Suspend the Rules, adopt by emergency. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt, by emergency:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED by Emergency)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-11:** Amending Section 2 of Ord. 2012-91, adopted 1/28/13, entitled "Health Insurance Coverage for the position of part-time Law Director, Prosecutor and Magistrate," by removing Magistrate. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to Suspend the Rules, adopt by emergency. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt, by emergency:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED by Emergency)**



**ORDINANCE 2016-12:** Amending Section 3 of Ord. 2013-31, adopted 5/13/13, entitled, "To Provide for the policy governing the maximum hours worked for part-time employees for the City of Brooklyn," by removing Magistrate. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to Suspend the Rules, adopt by emergency. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt, by emergency:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED by Emergency)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-13:** Amending Exhibit A of Ord. 2015-62, Providing for the compensation for the part-time, full-time and Administrative employees (non-bargaining agreement) for the City of Brooklyn, Ohio. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to Suspend the Rules, adopt by emergency. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt, by emergency:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED by Emergency)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-15:** Amending Section 1 of Ord. 2008-65, Establishing the fee for evening basketball program with the Recreation Department of the City of Brooklyn. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-16:** Establishing the fee for the evening volleyball program within the Recreation Dept. of the City of Brooklyn. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-17:** Amending Section 1 of Ord. 2009-7, Providing for fees for instruction in ice skating within the City of Brooklyn Recreation Dept. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-18:** Amending Section 1 of Ord. 2009-23, Providing for fees for softball, soccer, baseball field usage within the City of Brooklyn Recreation Dept. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-19:** Establishing registration fees for the t-ball and baseball programs within the Recreation Dept. of the City of Brooklyn, and repealing Ords. 2010-10 and 2011-15. **(SECOND READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-20:** Amending Section 2 of Ord. 2003-19, Establishing fees for Learn to Swim Program at the City of Brooklyn Natatorium and Outdoor Swim Complex. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to Suspend the Rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To Adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-22:** Authorizing the sale of certain city owned vehicles through GovDeals, public internet auctioneers, for the purpose of disposing of city vehicles and equipment at public sale. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2016-23:** Establishing fees for advertising at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center. **(FIRST READING)**

Mayor Gallagher thanked Finance Dir. Enovitch and JoAnn Haig for all their work on the budget this year. As a new Mayor coming in and planning a budget, she thinks she got it to City Council pretty quickly. Thanked all the directors for sitting down with her and going line by line in each of their operating expenses. Congratulated Dir. Enovitch on his retirement; he will be leaving the city at the end of this month, maybe sneaking off on vacation at the end of the month; so wants to publicly thank him for all his work.

Councilwoman Pucci encouraged residents to take advantage of the Home Heritage Program. Even if not sure that they can help, call them; we are paying to belong to it, and doesn't make sense to continue if our residents don't take advantage of it. Almost all the homes in Brooklyn qualify, and they will provide technical assistance on most any renovation or addition, with no charge to the resident. Please check out what services they offer. Ended by wishing everyone a happy and blessed Easter.

**MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations, and interview of a candidate for Prosecutor, with the Mayor, Council, Law Director, and at the time the person being interviewed. (with an update on Finance Director and Senior Center) **VOTE**

**RESULTED:** *Adjourn to Executive Session:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Int. Pres. Van Kirk said after Executive Session Council will possibly confirm position of Prosecutor, but no other action. Wished all a happy Easter.

**MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to reconvene. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Reconvene:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(RECONVENED)**

**REQUEST:**

Request from Mayor Gallagher for executive session for interview and confirmation of James McDonnell as Prosecutor in City of Brooklyn. He's a highly regarded attorney in NE Ohio and would represent the City's interests. The confirmation will allow us to move forward with a cohesive team to address challenges and opportunities the city faces in coming years. (his resume was attached) If confirmed, starting salary will be \$33,000 (the range is \$28,067.67 to \$38,392.66) **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to confirm the appointment. Councilwoman Pucci wanted on record to thank Hillary Goldberg for her years of service, having done a very good job with glowing comments from people she deals with on our behalf. She recognizes a Mayor should be able to appoint who they want; she did like in the past that it wasn't a political appointment. She would like a resolution thanking Hillary for her service to the community. Int. Pres. Van Kirk said he has no problem with a resolution; and further, that for the record he doesn't think it's politicized, and that she does have the right to appoint who she wants to, and Council to confirm or not confirm. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Confirm:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Pucci. No: DeMarco, Balbier. **(CONFIRMED)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Adjourn:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, DeMarco, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council